

Dave Ruch - Musician and Educator

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EDUCATION:

Cum Laude graduate, B.S. degree, Business & Psychology double major, Muskingum College, New Concord OH, 1986

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE:

MUSICIAN&PERFORMER

- Singer and multi-instrumentalist with over 24 years experience playing acoustic and electric guitar, mandolin, banjo, dulcimer, bass guitar, washtub bass, jawharp, etc.
- Performances from Toronto ON to Austin TX with regionally- & nationally-known folk, rock and bluegrass artists
- Specialist in research and performance of traditional and historical songs and related lore from America and the British Isles
- Researcher of regional folklore and song traditions at Cornell University and New York State Historical Association, and using materials from The Smithsonian Institution, New York Folklore Society, Harold Thompson Folklore Archives, Ivan Walton Great Lakes folklore collection, Anne & Frank Warner collections, Stevens-Douglass manuscript, John & Alan Lomax archives, Buffalo & Erie County Library's Grosvenor Room, Folk Legacy Records, Sampler Folk Music recordings, Helen Hartness Flanders Ballad Collection, Marjorie Lansing Porter collection, Shoemaker Pennsylvania resources, Eddy Ballads of Ohio collection, Anne Grimes, Library of Congress, Edith Fowke & Helen Creighton Canadian collections and more
- Compiler and collector of heritage song material from various ethnic groups, occupations and time periods in New York State, Pennsylvania, Ohio and other regions of America
- Compiler of traditional song map of New York State, documenting known field recordings and other transcripts of traditional songs by area of the state they represent
- Proficient in wide range of musical styles including folk, blues, swing, bluegrass, jazz, country, rock, old-time, fingerstyle guitar and various "world" musics

EDUCATOR

- Thousands of educational concerts for preK-8th grade school audiences
- Member of The Hill Brothers ([link to www.hillbrothers.net](http://www.hillbrothers.net)) arts-in-education performing group since 1995
- Founder of The Dave Ruch Workshop Series in 1997, bringing music-based learning experiences in history and the humanities to primary, elementary & middle school classrooms
- Developed several curriculum-based concert programs combining music, humor and audience participation with educational material, working closely with the New York State Learning Standards and Scope and Sequence Curriculum Guide
- Roster artist with Young Audiences Western NY and Rochester chapters, Arts Council of Chautauqua County, Quick Center for the Arts at St Bonaventure University, Cattaraugus County Arts Council arts-in-ed program, Delaware-Chenango-Madison-Otsego BOCES arts-in-ed, Broome-Tioga BOCES arts-in-ed, Schuyler-Chemung-Tioga BOCES arts-in-ed and several more
- Keynote and/or workshop presenter for NY State PTA Parents As Reading Partners Conference, Cornell Cooperative Extension, Pennsylvania State Education Association, Edinboro (PA) University, Oswego County Educators Conference and NY State Council for the Social Studies
- Audio recordings for the education market with The Hill Brothers: Good Time Music vol 1&2, Celebrate Reading, The 3 R's and The Season of Light
- Member of New York State Historical Association, New York State Council for the Social Studies, Canal Society of New York State, New York Folklore Society, Western New York Association of Historical Agencies, the Association of Teaching Artists and the New York State Reading Association